

## House Resolution 1119

By: Representative Levitas of the 82<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., and inviting Executive Director Debbie  
2 Brilling to appear before the House of Representatives; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia there are more than 600,000 hearing impaired citizens  
4 of whom 30,000 are profoundly deaf children; and

5 WHEREAS, in 2009, The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., a nonprofit United Way agency,  
6 celebrates 33 years of bringing individuals with hearing impairment or loss into a lifetime  
7 of listening and speaking through the use of high technology and auditory-verbal therapy;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, over the past 33 years, The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., has enabled over 300  
10 deaf children in Georgia to hear and speak without the need for sign language or lip reading,  
11 allowing them to reenter the mainstream hearing population and providing them with  
12 limitless opportunities; and

13 WHEREAS, by providing listening, language, and fundamental literacy skills for deaf  
14 children, The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., has expanded the educational horizons and  
15 improved the quality of life for the deaf children of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., has recently expanded their services to  
17 provide hearing screening, diagnostics, counseling, hearing aid management, telephone  
18 training, central auditory processing, and classes to accommodate adults with hearing  
19 disabilities; and

20 WHEREAS, The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., is dedicated to helping all hearing impaired  
21 Georgians function successfully.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
23 the members of this body commend the board and staff of The Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc.,  
24 for their dedication and commitment to the hearing impaired citizens of Georgia and extend  
25 their sincere best wishes for continued success in the future.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Debbie Brillling, Executive Director of The  
27 Auditory-Verbal Center, Inc., is hereby invited to appear before the House of Representatives  
28 at a date and time to be fixed by the Speaker of the House for purposes of being recognized  
29 by the House and receiving an appropriate copy of this resolution.